



Governor's E-Newsletter

October 22-28, 2005



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

Quote of the Week

"One death is too many. These numbers are unacceptable and my Administration will be working with the Legislature to ensure our keiki are protected."

- Governor Lingle, announcing she will make it a priority to pass a law that discourages parents from leaving children unattended in vehicles in the next legislative session.

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#) and [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

Thought of the Week

"It's awesome because we're all baseball players and just getting to watch the World Series at her house- it's unbelievable."

- Timmy Arakawa, a member of the O`ahu Stars, winners of the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series, commenting on the picnic Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona hosted in honor of championship baseball teams from Hawai`i.

Upcoming Events

October 31, HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Governor Lingle, Under Secretary of State Discuss Visas for Chinese Travelers, Korean Honeymooners



Governor Lingle met with Karen Hughes, Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, to discuss Hawai`i's role in the Asia-Pacific region. They also addressed efforts

to ease the visa process for Chinese travelers, as well as Hawai`i's partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Seoul to promote Korean honeymoon travel to Hawai`i. Under Secretary Hughes stopped in Hawai`i on her way back from a trip to Indonesia and Malaysia and shared her experiences as well as her thoughts relating to Hawai`i as a crossroads of the Pacific, bridging Asia and the United States.

Governor Addresses Hawai`i Medical Association



Governor Lingle delivered remarks at the Hawai`i Medical Association's (HMA) Annual Ola Pono Ike (Health is

October 31, Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will greet Korean entertainer Bum Soo Kim.

November 2, Governor Lingle will deliver remarks at the Hawai`i Visitors and Convention Bureau's Annual Luncheon.

November 5, Governor Lingle will honor entertainer Dick Jenson, who will be inducted into the Hawai`i Hall of Fame and get a star on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars at the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Governor's Weekly Radio Show

The show can be heard live from 7:05-8:00 a.m. Wednesdays on www.hawaii.gov/gov or on the following radio stations:
O`ahu (KHHV AM 830)
Maui/Kona (KAOI 1110 AM)
Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)
Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)



Knowledge) Dinner and spoke of the need for medical malpractice tort reform, as well as

her Administration's efforts to collaborate with HMA in the next legislative session to bring about this change. ☐

Governor Focuses on Ocean Resources Management




Governor Lingle met with representatives from the environmental community, ocean industry, recreation businesses and the Native Hawaiian Community, as well as students

and faculty from the University of Hawai`i to share her Administration's plans for managing Hawai`i's ocean resources. ☐

Governor Honors Family of the Year, Discusses Workforce Development



Governor Lingle attended the "Healthy and Ready to Work" conference, which focuses on developing Hawai`i's untapped workforce individuals with disabilities. The Governor said that while the state has experienced the

lowest unemployment in the nation for the last seven months, her Administration is focused on workforce development initiatives to help Hawai`i's employees expand their skills and knowledge. 

Governor Releases \$25,000 to Support Hawai`i International Film Festival



Governor Lingle hosted a reception at Washington Place to welcome participants of the Hawai`i International Film Festival (HIFF). This week, the Governor also announced the release of \$25,000

to cover a broad array of delegate-related expenses, with a primary focus on strengthening the sister festival relationship between the HIFF and the Shanghai International Film Festival, which she and HIFF officials attended this summer. HIFF is the only statewide film festival in the country that showcases cinema from throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Photo: Governor Lingle met with June Lee (left), Director Kang Je-Gyu from Korea (center) and Jeff Chung, Chairman and President of the HIFF Board of Directors (right).

Sony Open Extends Sponsorship in Hawai`i Through 2010



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona joined Masao Morita, senior vice president of Sony Corporation (second from right) and Ric Clarson, Vice President of

the Professional Golfer's Association (center behind the Governor) to announce the Sony Corporation has agreed

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to extend its title sponsorship of the Sony Open in Hawai`i through 2010. The Governor discussed the economic benefits of the tournament, which added \$13.5 million in direct and indirect spending to the state's economy in 2005. The Sony Open in Hawai`i partners with the Friends of Hawai`i Charities to support programs that help women and children throughout Hawai`i receive critical health and social services.

Governor Addresses Conference of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education



Governor Lingle spoke at the conference of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, a professional association committed to advancing experience-based theological

education for seminarians, clergy and lay persons of diverse cultures, ethnic groups and faith traditions. In her remarks, the Governor discussed Hawai`i's tradition of blending diverse faiths and cultural healing practices, including customs of the Native Hawaiian host culture.

Governor, Lt. Governor Welcome Baseball Champions to Washington Place



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona welcomed players and families of Hawai`i's national little league championship teams to Washington Place to watch the

second game of the World Series, which recently was won by the Chicago White Sox in four straight games. The Governor told all the players, coaches and families how proud she was of their accomplishments and said "we're proud that you won, we're especially proud of how you won, with sportsmanship, with aloha for the other teams and with character, and you never gave up." ☐

Governor Announces Student Winners of Kids Voting Hawai'i Poster Contest



Governor Lingle helped announce the winners of the Kids Voting Hawai'i Statewide "My Vote Gives Me Power" Poster Contest. The contest

emphasized the importance of children and their parents becoming actively involved in the democratic process by voting. The Governor met with the students and encouraged them to remain informed about issues that matter most to them. ☐

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure



Governor Lingle joined more than 300 breast cancer survivors at the 11th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The Governor, an honorary starter of the race, emphasized the

importance of early detection. In Hawai'i, 800 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, with an estimated 100 deaths per year. Photos courtesy of Jeanne Wynne.

Governor Welcomes Korean Students



Governor Lingle met with students from Korea who are visiting Hawai`i as guests of the Hibiscus Lions Club. These students are the heads of

households, many caring for their families following the death of their parents or because a parent is unable to work. The Governor congratulated the students for their tenacity and said their maturity sets an outstanding example for other members of their family.

"Dedicated to Hawai`i's Troops"



Photo courtesy of SSG Tran

SSG Kevin Tran (front left) of the 804th Signal Company from Hawai`i and fellow soldiers relaxed after playing football in Uzbekistan.

We invite you to submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty. Please e-mail your photos and a brief caption to governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Department of the Week- Commerce and Consumer Affairs



On behalf of the Hawai'i Medical Association, Steven Wallach presented DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald with the State Administrator of the Year award.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) has been hard at work, helping businesses succeed in Hawai'i. Since January 2003, DCCA has reduced fees and assessments for businesses by more than \$10 million. Keeping in line with the Lingle-Aiona Administration's efforts to lower the cost of doing business in Hawai'i, DCCA this week announced a one-time reduction of securities and franchise filing fees that will save Hawai'i businesses more than \$2 million dollars. DCCA also recently adopted a rule that will save cable television subscribers approximately \$1.5 million.

In the News

Call grows for law against unattended kids in cars

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It's "worth the effort" if one child is kept safe, Lingle says

BY JENNIFER DUFFIN
Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Gov. Linda Lingle said yesterday she will ask the state Legislature to approve a new law that

averaging parents those leaving their children alone in vehicles. A woman in "One Breath Left" for two young boys sitting in a car last week while she went to the bank, and the car ran circles — the fourth time in the past year — around the block in a circle with the children inside.

The Vice Mayor said she is concerned for Kapiolani and the children were not harmed. A 10-year-old man is facing charges.

"It's unfortunate that we have to take these steps of going to criminal parents of the dangers of leaving children unattended," Lingle said in a statement. "What if a law can prevent just one child from being put in danger. It will be worth the effort."

NEWS RELEASE
Gov. Lingle said she will ask the state Legislature to approve a new law that

able to reach agreement with other Democrats on details last evening, the House Judiciary Committee rejected a bill that would have made it a crime to leave a child in a car without adequate supervision to continuously monitor the child by leaving him or her alone in a vehicle.

People can face a second-degree

GOV BACKS BILL

Front page, Honolulu Advertiser, October 28, 2005

Gov backs bill with penalty for abandoning kids

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House Bill 289 would make such an act a criminal offense

By Richard Berman
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Gov. Linda Lingle is joining efforts to pass legislation to punish parents for leaving young children unattended in vehicles.

Lingle said changing the law will be a priority for her administration.

"It is only a matter of time before the practice of leaving children unattended leads to a tragedy," Lingle said yesterday in a written release.

I want a law that says leaving kids alone in a car is a dangerous thing to do.

Marilyn Lee
State legislator, talking about her past efforts to pass the bill.

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Front page, Honolulu Star-Bulletin, October 28, 2005

Hawaii added 7,100 jobs in September

The state's jobless rate of 2.7% is still the lowest in the nation

By Stewart Yerkon
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Hawaii's unemployment rate in September remained the lowest in the nation for the seventh straight month and the state's economy continued to create jobs at a healthy clip.

Although the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked up to 2.7 percent in September from 2.6 percent in August, the increase came as Hawaii's labor force continued to grow and the economy added 7,100 jobs compared with the previous month. A year earlier, Hawaii's jobless rate was 3.1 percent.

Altogether, the state's employed population grew 1 percent during the month to 626,790.

Isle jobless rate
Here is the monthly jobless rate in the isles for the past year.

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By John Lee

Growth in domestic and foreign arrivals in September led to another record visitor count in the islands, with large increases in the number of people in Hawaii for conventions, cruises and honeymoons.

Total arrivals rose 7.2 percent last month to 352,000 from 327,884 in the same month a year earlier, according to the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Arrivals from the U.S. mainland increased 5.1 percent to 303,485 while international arrivals lifted 2.9 percent to 48,515.

"Electronic arrivals in September set a new milestone for the month," said Marsha Wassert, the state tourism liaison.

Arrivals rose on all major islands last month, with the strongest growth at the Big Island, Kauai and Maui, where visitor counts grew 21 percent, 12 percent and 19 percent, respectively.

The number of visitors in Hawaii for a convention nearly doubled to 24,852 in September from the same month in 2004. The number of people here on a honeymoon rose 12.1 percent to 31,608, driven by a double-digit increase in Japanese honeymoons.

The count of visitors visiting the islands jumped 17.2 percent to 29,859 last month, with the bulk of those people arriving by airplane.

The state expects a record 7.4 million visitors will hit the islands this year, up from nearly 7 million in 2004. Growth

is projected to taper off next year, when the islands are projected to get about 7.6 million arrivals.

Arrivals this year have grown from all the markets that send the most visitors to the state — the U.S. mainland, Japan and Canada — with the strongest growth coming from the islands' biggest source of visitors, the U.S. West region.

However, average daily spending by each visitor has increased only 0.3 percent this year, and daily spending by the average Japanese visitor fell 0.6 percent in the first six months of 2005 from the prior period last year.

Because of increased arrivals, total visitor spending is projected to hit \$11.8 billion in Hawaii this year, up from \$10.9 billion last year.

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State gives \$1 million to Easter Seals Honolulu Advertiser, October 22, 2005

Sony Open will get four-year extension

Advertiser Staff

Representatives of Sony, the PGA Tour, and Friends of Hawaii's Charities are expected to announce a four-year extension of the Sony Open in Hawaii today at a press conference in the Waialeale Golf Club.

Sony is also expected to offer a third sponsor's exemption to 18-year-old Michelle Wie. Wie turned pro three weeks ago, signing a five-year deal with Sony for what could be as much as \$2 million annually, the signed a similar deal with Nike.

Wie has played the past two Sony Opens, the signed the deal by one shot in 2004 and won this year. The only golf tournament on her schedule between now and next year's Sony is the Canon World Open, Nov. 24 to 27 on the Japan men's golf tour.

The 2005 Sony Open, Jan. 12 to 17 at Waialeale Country Club, is the last in a four-year agreement announced at the 2002 Sony Open. A four-year extension would keep the tournament at Waialeale through 2010.

Sony has been the title sponsor of the former Hawaiian Open since 1998. It offered a \$2.6 million purse that first year. It will be \$3.7 million in 2006.

Money given to charity, distributed by tournament organizing body Friends of Hawaii's Charities, has also risen dramatically. The 1999 Sony Open raised \$250,000. More than \$1 million was distributed this year, to more than 100 nonprofit organizations.

The majority of the \$1 million was raised through the Sony Open, in a charity partnership with The Barry and Jeanette Weisberg Foundation Inc. Other PNC events raising money were the Champions Tour's Turtle Bay Championship and the U.S. PGA's SBC Open at Turtle Bay.

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Sony Open extends isle stay 4 more years

*The 40-year-old event
brought Hawaii
about \$13.5 million
in spending last year*

By Steve Reinhardt

The Sony Open in Hawaii will
remain in Hawaii at least four
more years.

Officials from the PGA Tour
and Sony Corp. were to an-
nounce a new contract today to
keep the tournament here
through 2010, sources told the
Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sony has been the title spon-
sor of the Waialae Country Club
event — formerly known as the

Hawaii Open — since 1965.
There was serious specula-
tion that Sony would move its
sponsorship elsewhere.

It came closer to going to Los
Angeles' a-mare-nati.

Financial terms were still
under negotiation. The current
contract runs through next
year's event, which will be
played Jan. 8-9.

The Sony Open in Hawaii is
the first full-field event of the
PGA Tour season. Sony money
has increased each year, and
will total \$12.5 million in 2005.
The tournament has raised
\$100,000 for local nonprofits
since each of the past three
years.

Ben Johnson of the Hawaii
Tourism Authority said last
month the Sony Open, 40

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